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Interstate Banking Subcommittee News

► At the January 24, 2001 meeting, staff presented the most current draft of the Agreement for Interstate Water Banking. Following discussion by the subcommittee members, a motion was passed that the agreement, with suggested changes, be referred back to the Authority for consideration at the March 21, 2001 meeting. This agreement is between Arizona and Nevada and details how Arizona offers storage to Nevada, the fees associated with water storage, how Nevada requests development of intentionally created unused apportionment, the fees associated with creation of ICUA and other concepts. This agreement is one of three agreements which must be drafted to allow interstate water banking to occur in Arizona.

► Also at the January 24 meeting, the subcommittee directed staff to begin discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation regarding development of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement.

Babbitt Signs Record of Decision

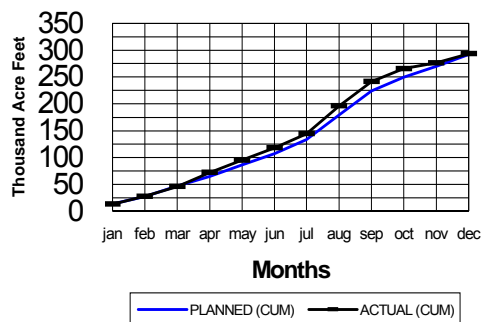
On January 16, 2001, Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt signed a landmark record of decision implementing the new interim Colorado River Surplus Guidelines. The Guidelines were developed over a two year period of discussion and negotiation between the seven basin states and the federal government due to California's continued overuse of Colorado River water. The Surplus Guidelines allow California to utilize Colorado River water in excess of their allocation while proceeding with an intrastate program to reduce demand to their allocated 4.4 million acre feet. The Surplus Guidelines will be in effect for 15 years, provided California meets established benchmarks.

The AWBA approved the Final 2001 Plan of Operation at the December 20, 2000 meeting. The Plan of Operation is available on the AWBA web page.

AWBA Water Deliveries

2000 DELIVERIES (by Month)

Planned vs. Actual



November and December Water Deliveries

	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>
Phoenix AMA	2,299 AF	1,381 AF
Pinal AMA	2,090 AF	8,793 AF
Tucson AMA	<u>6,461 AF</u>	<u>6,898 AF</u>
	10,850 AF	17,072 AF

Total Deliveries (2000)	293,576 AF
Planned Deliveries (2000)	288,262 AF



CAP Deliveries Total 1,540,834 AF for Calendar Year 2000 and Exceed Previous Record by 13%

New *Ex Officio* Member Appointed

On December 15, 2000, James Weirs, Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed Representative Mike Gleason to the AWBA as a non-voting *ex officio* member. Rep. Gleason replaced former member, Rep. Gail Griffin. Rep. Gleason represents District 15 and is currently serving his second term. While in the House, he has served on numerous committees and subcommittees related to environmental and agricultural issues.

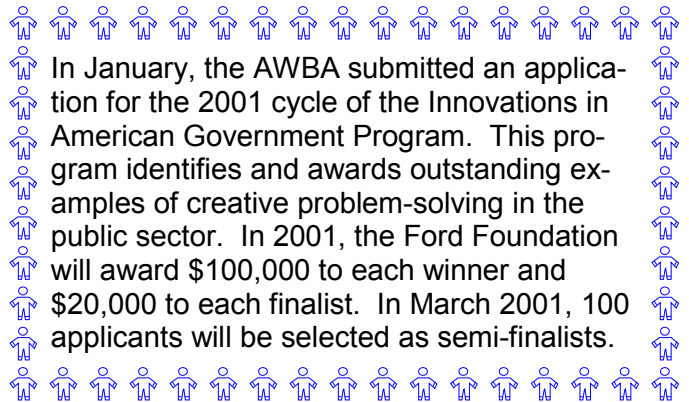
Agreements to Terminate

Twelve of the existing agreements the AWBA has with storage facilities will terminate on Dec. 31, 2001. This represents more than 70% of the partners in the 2001 Plan of Operation. Staff has contacted the storage facility operators to determine if the existing agreements can be extended, or if new agreements and/or Board approval are needed. It is anticipated that all agreements will be presented to the AWBA for signature at the Dec. 19, 2001 meeting.

Upcoming Authority Meetings

Wednesday, March 21, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.

Wednesday, June 20, 2001 from 10:00-12:00 at ADWR Conference Room B.



In January, the AWBA submitted an application for the 2001 cycle of the Innovations in American Government Program. This program identifies and awards outstanding examples of creative problem-solving in the public sector. In 2001, the Ford Foundation will award \$100,000 to each winner and \$20,000 to each finalist. In March 2001, 100 applicants will be selected as semi-finalists.

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